

## AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

IS ANOTHER WATER STEAL ON FOOT?  
MR. ZIEGLER TO OPPOSE THE MAYOR'S BILL  
NOW BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

William Ziegler has instructed his counsel, W. J. Gaynor, to draw up a bill to provide for the purchase of the property of the Long Island Water Supply Company to take the place of the one forwarded to Albany with the sanction of Mayor Boody and Corporation Counsel Jenkins. Mr. Ziegler, who initiated the proceedings last winter which stopped the purchase of the property by the Mayor and City Auditor and Controller at an outrageous price, says that he deems it an outrage that no citizen under the terms of the Mayor's bill will have a right to come before the court or commission appointed to appraise the value of the property and take part in the proceedings.

The bill provides for the purchase of the rights, franchises, reservoirs, wells, etc., of the company, and Mr. Ziegler says that all these are covered by the stock, and the simplest way would be to have a bill to provide for the purchase of that only. Again the Corporation Counsel tried to show that the proper price for the property of the company was \$1,250,000 last year, when the par value was only \$250,000, and no one believes the stock to be worth par. Mr. Ziegler says he purchased ten shares for \$400 share last winter, when the Mayor and Corporation Counsel were trying to show that it was worth \$800 a share with \$500,000 worth of bonds held.

An effort is also being made to reduce the company for \$300,000 more, for the purpose of having par value. Mr. Ziegler thinks that the value of thing is worth to the corporation the value of the pipe in the ground, about \$200,000. Mr. Gaynor is not yet drawn up the bill asked for by Mr. Ziegler, but it will be ready in a few days.

ALL AFLAME SHE JUMPED FROM A WINDOW.  
Mrs. J. E. Gossell, of No. 231 South Fourth-st., was probably fatally burned yesterday afternoon by the explosion of an oil lamp, which she was lighting near the kitchen stove. The burning oil set fire to the woman's clothing, and she was soon enveloped in flames. Her screams for help brought her oldest son, George, nineteen years old, who was in the house, to her assistance, and in his attempt to extinguish the flames he was badly burned about the face and hands. In her frenzy Mrs. Gossell jumped from an open window to the plaza of the house, where her shrubs arched the entire neighborhood. One of the first to reach her was a passing truck-driver, who wrapped his horse-blanket about her. Before the flames were extinguished the woman had become unconscious. She was carried into her home, where Dr. Brett dressed her burns and those of the son. Little hope was entertained for her recovery.

POLICE JUSTICE WATSON BLACKBALLED.  
William Watson, who was recently appointed a Police Justice, failed to obtain admission to the Concord Singing Society, which meets in the Twenty-sixth Ward and includes in its membership many residents of that part of the city. He was proposed by Louis Beiderman, known clerk of New-York. At a meeting attended by forty members there were fifteen votes cast against Justice Watson, and as it requires a two-thirds vote to admit, he was not admitted to membership. Mr. Beiderman threatened to withdraw from the organization. Personal and political motives led to the opposition to Watson.

WATER BONDS SELL ABOVE PAR.  
There were nine lots opened yesterday for \$500,000 water bonds, bearing 5½ per cent and maturing in 1912, and ranging from \$1 to 105½. The awards were of \$25,000 to the South Brooklyn Savings Institution at 103½, and the remainder to the Elmhurst Industrial Savings, \$100,000 at 105½; \$100,000 at 104½, and \$75,000 at 103½. The Mayor expressed himself greatly pleased with this first sale since he has been in office.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.  
Postmaster Collins, who is in Washington, called on President Harrison yesterday and invited him to be a guest of U. S. Grant Post at its annual dinner on the anniversary of General Grant's birthday, April 27.

Charles Waage, defendant of the Ninth Precinct Police station, was summarily dismissed from the police force yesterday. He arrested Mrs. Kate Gossell, of No. 69 Graham-ave., at Arden Hall on Wednesday of last week, when he was drunk, and took her to the Tuxedo Club, Precinct Police Station, where she was detained, and as it requires a two-thirds vote to admit, he was not admitted to membership. Mr. Gossell said that Waage insulted her and then left.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.  
Educational Convention, Brooklyn.  
Inquest on Hotel Royal disaster.  
Park and Audubon Zoological Society meetings.  
Board of Trade, 4 p.m.  
Catskill, Madison Square Garden, evening.  
Laurelton Yacht Club, Delmonico's, 8 p.m.  
Meeting of Medical, No. 21 West Forty-third-st., 8 p.m.  
Harlem property owners mass-meeting, Madison Hall, 8 p.m.  
Knickersicker Bowling Club, No. 212 West Forty-first-st., 8 to 9 p.m.  
Exhibition of Art and Illustrated Books, Mercantile Library, 10 p.m.  
Ladies' Art Association, No. 116 Fifth-ave., evening.  
University Athletic Club meeting, 8 p.m.  
Columbia College Dramatic Club entertainment, Manhattan Athletic Club, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK CITY.  
An interesting decision is to be given on Friday at the Academy of Design, where the American Watercolor Society is holding its twenty-fifth annual exhibition; for then William F. Evans price of \$300 for the most meritorious painting in the collection will be awarded. Mr. Evans has encouraged the artists in this liberal manner at several previous exhibitions.

Charles Franklin committed an exceedingly unprofitable robbery on February 7. He and three accomplices took keys and a collection from Thomas Condon in Scott-st. Yesterday in General Sessions Franklin was sentenced to be imprisoned for eleven years and a half.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be open free to the public to-day from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. It will also be open during the same hours to-morrow, Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock, and on Sunday afternoon.

The Contract Labor Bureau at Ellis Island yesterday deported twenty immigrants from landing because they were contract laborers. There were ten Italians, six Germans and four Hungarians who came on the steamship "Orient" and four Hungarians who came on the "Galicia." The men were taken to the coal mines at Hoboken and were bound to the coal mines of Pennsylvania.

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WORKMEN'S REFORM LEAGUE, at a meeting last evening at No. 804 Ninth Avenue, protested in the name of the thousands of workmen and farmers with small savings bank deposits against the passage of the 5 per cent interest bill. A committee of ten was appointed to appear at the Assembly hearing at Albany to-morrow to protest against it.

Charles E. Potter yesterday purchased the ten-story brick building at the southwest corner of Bleeker and Mercer sts., for \$454,040. The property was sold under foreclosure at the Real Estate Exchange.

Nearly 2,000 signatures have been attached to the petition to be presented to the Legislature for permission to use the trolley on February 24. The Madison Avenue Company is seeking permission to use it on such of its lines as it has not received permission for. There will be great opposition in Seventh and Ninth aves. If the trolley trade by proprietors' summer is maintained.

Gardel Harrison, a veteran theatrical manager, writer and artist, is seriously ill at his home, No. 179 Madison-st., and his family is in distress from a cumulative series of misfortunes.

Leave has been granted to the Memorial Baptist Church to place a mortgage of \$15,000 on its property at Eighteenth and Sixteenth sts., to complete the new building now going up.

The artisan well to supply water to run the coke-drawing machinery of the bridge in case of another water famine has been completed. About 170 gallons a minute can be secured from it.

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LOIE FULLER'S CASE AGAIN DISMISSED.  
Loie Fuller, who was the counsel for Miss Loie Fuller, the dancer, in her suit against William E. Hayes, applied to Justice Tracy in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday to have the case reopened. The reason stated was that the session was unjust to Miss Fuller, and he wanted the case reopened so that she could withdraw her complaint.

Judge Tracy willingly set aside his decision of Monday, but twice refused permission to withdraw the case, as the witness for Miss Fuller were theatrical people who were on the road to success.

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STATION ISLAND.  
NEW-BRIGHTON.—The contest over the will of Mrs. C. Van Emburg, who died a month ago at the home of Dr. Samuel R. Robinson, at West New Brighton, was begun yesterday before surrogate Stephen J. O'Neil at the village hall in New Brighton. The contestants are Alexander H. Farrell, a nephew of Mrs. Van Emburg, and six Italians and four Hungarians who came on the steamship "Galicia." The nephew received \$5,000, while the codicil, dated July 10, 1859, reduces his legacy to \$2,000. James Kearney, who stands as attorney to Mrs. Van Emburg, told the court that he was nominated to receive the \$2,000, and that he had no objection to the strike of the coke-makers, on the other hand. Mr. Kearney, who said yesterday that he had no objection to the strike, has a suit to recover the expenses of defeating the liquor dealers' earlier bill now before the Legislature.

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